THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): A statement is attached.

Statement

Railways	1974			1987		
	Officers (As on 31st March)	Other regular Staff	Casual Labour (Approx)	Officers (As on 31st March)	Other regular Staff	Casual Labour (As on 31st January)
Central	965	185,779	45,000	1,370	213,723	36,221
Eastern	1,015	204,998	37,000	1,366	225,976	20,168
Northern	1,082	204,637	46,000	1,568	229,948	46,811
North-Eastern	561	94,690	20,000	750	108,346	14,529
Northeast Frontier	485	83,035	4,000	706	83,454	8,326
Southern	846	133,955	37,000	1,157	141,045	20,165
South Central	637	103,291	18,000	1,036	128,905	21,707
South Eastern	1,050	185,460	33,000	1,525	204,487	13,957
Western	1,048	188,507	30,500	1,325	207,806	21,597

Management Decision for Extension of Retirement Age for AIR Hostesses

2236. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India Cabin Crew Association had held discussions with the management on the question of extension of retirement age for air hostesses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any conclusions has been arrived at during the discussions; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Some demands have been made by the Air India Cabin Crew Association, one of which relates to extension in the age of retirement for air hostesses.

(c) and (d) The management of Air India has constituted a committee consisting of the representatives of the management and the association to study and discuss the issues and to make recommendations.

House building loans in Air India and Indian Airlines

2237. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for house building loans in Air India and Indian Airlines for Air Hostesses and flight pursuers;

(b) what are the reasons for the differentiation, if any;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring uniformity in house building loans for male and female employees; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no differentiation between Airhostesses and Flight Pursers in the matter of House Building loan in Air India and Indian Airlines.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Hostel facilities for trainee Cabin-crew

2258. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has provided hostel facilities for trainee cabin-crew;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India is providing similar facilities to trainee cabin-crew;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines provides boarding and lodging facilities for trainee cabin-crew at its own premises at the Central training Establishment, Hyderabad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A hostel of Air India to accommodate approximately 100 air hostesses of the Corporation is under construction. There is at present no proposal for providing hostel for trainee/Assistant/Flight Pursuers.

High wharfage charges at the Paradip Port

2239. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation incurred a loss of Rs. 10 crores in iron-ore expect on account of lack of facilities and other difficulties at the Paradip Port;

(b) whether it is a fact that Paradip port claimed high wharfage charges of Rs. 43 per tonne, whereas Madras and Visakhapatnam ports charged Rs. 27 and Rs. 25 per tonne, respectively;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have threatened to stop iron-ore exports through the Paradip Port; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to settle the row over iron ore exports through Paradip Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have reported that they have incurred a loss of Rs. 12.57 crores during 1987-88 in the export of iron ore through Paradip Port due to various reasons.

(b) Paradip Port levies a rate of Rs. 43 per tonne for the first 20 lakh tonnes, Rs. 35 per tonne for the next 5 lakh tonnes and Rs. 25 per tonne for cargo above 25 lakh tonnes as port charges. These are total port charges which include charges for tippling of wagons, loading etc. The corresponding notified rates at Visakhapatnam